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SUBJECT: SAHARA: OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE STATEMENT

1. LOCAL PRESS JAN 23 CARRIED ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE
(APS) REPORT FROM LOURENCO MARQUES ON 26TH SESSION
OF OAU'S LIBERATION COMMITTEE. ACCORDING APS,
COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED REPORT FROM ITS SECRETARY
GENERAL WHICH MADE FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING SAHARA:

A. "POLITICAL SITUATION IN THIS COLONY HAS BECOME SO
COMPLICATED SINCE JUNE, 1975 -- DATE OF LAST
SESSION -- THAT TWO STATES NEIGHBORING THIS COLONY
FIND THEMSELVES ENGAGED IN WAR WITH NATIONALISTS OF THIS
TERRITORY."

B. ICJ FOUND THAT, "IF THERE WERE TIES OF ALLEGIANCE
TO WESTERN SAHARA AND MOROCCAN"MAURITANIAN ENSEMBLE,
THESE DID NOT CONSTITUTE TIES OF SOVEREIGNTY. THESE
TIES OF ALLEGIANCE WERE NOT OF SORT THAT WOULD AFFECT
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PRINCIPLE OF SELF DETERMINATION IN DECOLONIZATION

OF WESTERN SAHARA."

C. UN FACT-FINDING MISSION, WHICH VISITED REGION
IN MAY, 1975, HAD NOTED "IMPORTANCE OF ACCELERATING
PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION IN THIS TERRITORY IN
CONFORMITY WITH RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF UN."

D. AFRICAN RESOLUTION (APS'S TERM) ADOPTED BY
30TH UNGA HAD "ASKED SPAIN, AS ADMINISTERING POWER
AND IN CONFORMITY WITH OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS OF
UN FACT-FINDING MISSION AND ACCORDING TO ADVISORY
OPINION ON ICJ, TO TAKE IMMEDIATELY ALL NECESSARY MEASURES
IN CONSULTATION WITH ALL SAHRAOUI WITH ORIGINS
IN THIS TERRITORY SO THAT THEY MIGHT EXERCISE FREELY
AND FULLY UNDER SUPERVISION OF UN INALIENABLE RIGHT
OF SELF DETERMINATION."

2. COMMENT: LANGUAGE OF REPORT ECHOES MANY ALGERIAN
THEMES ON SAHRA. IT SEEMS TO COMMIT LIBERATION
COMMITTEE STRONGLY TO SAHAN SELF DETERMINATION AND TO
MOVE WELL BEYOND PREVIOUS OAU PRONOUNCEMENTS ON SUBJECT.

3. APS MAY WELL HAVE MISREPRESENTED UNANIMITY OF
AFRICAN VIEWS ON REPORT. (IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW
MOROCCANS COULD HAVE SUPPORTED IT.) IT ALSO MAY BE
THAT "UNANIMOUS" ADOPTION MAY HAVE BEEN RESULT OF SOME
SORT OF ALGERIAN STEAMROLLER TACTIC.

4. WE NOTE THAT 26TH SESSION APPARENTLY PRESIDED
OVER BY EGYPT AND GUINEA-BISSAU AND TANZANIA SERVING
RESPECTIVELY AS FIRST AND SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS AND
ZAIRE AS RAPPORTEUR. WE FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE
THAT EGYPT AND ZAIRES WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED SUCH
SAHARAN LANGUAGE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
DEPARTMENT'S AND EMBASSY LOURENCO MARQUES' COMMENTS
ON FOREGOING. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY LOURENCO
MARQUES' PREVIOUS REPORTING ON HOW LIBERATION COMMITTEE
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